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Washington, DC 20240

IN REPLY REFER TO:
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Via email: 68285-39571620@requests.muckrock.com

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Dear Ms. Best:

On January 30, 2019, you filed a Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request seeking the following:

Copies of emails, memos, letters, reports, statistics and other records mentioning or describing the 2018–19 United States federal government shutdown (2018 December 22 - 2019 January 25) on the processing of FOIA requests or handling of FOIA-related litigation, as well as on other public transparency, disclosure or declassification programs.

Your request was received by the Office of the Secretary FOIA office on January 30, 2019 and assigned control number **OS-2019-00407**. Please cite this number in any future communications with our office regarding your request.

We have classified you as a representative of the news media. As such, we may charge you for some of our search and duplication costs, but we will not charge you for our review costs; you are also entitled to up to 2 hours of search time and 100 pages of photocopies (or an equivalent volume) for free. See [43 C.F.R. § 2.39](#). If, after taking into consideration your fee category entitlements, our processing costs are less than \$50.00, we will not bill you because the cost of collection would be greater than the fee collected. See [43 C.F.R. § 2.37\(g\)](#).

Fee Waiver

You have asked for a waiver of all FOIA processing fees. Please be advised that we are in the process of determining whether or not your entitlements are sufficient to enable us to process your request, or if we will need to issue a formal determination on your request for a fee waiver.

You can expect to hear from us promptly regarding the outcome of this search.

You have asked for copies of agency records. According to our regulations, you may choose the format of disclosure for such records. Unless you specify otherwise, the Office of the Secretary will provide copies of responsive records electronically via email or CD-ROM as scanned PDF images when the responsive records exceed 50 pages.

Because we will need to consult with one or more bureaus of the Department in order to properly process your request, the Office of the Secretary FOIA office is taking a 10-workday extension under [43 C.F.R. § 2.19](#). For the same reason, we are placing your request under the “Normal” processing track.

In the interim, if you have any questions regarding the status of your request, or any of the issues discussed in this letter, you may contact Emily Karp by phone at 202-513-0765, by fax at 202-219-2374, by e-mail at os_foia@ios.doi.gov or by mail at U.S. Department of the Interior, 1849 C Street, NW, MS-7328 MIB, Washington, D.C. 20240.

You also may seek dispute resolution services from our FOIA Public Liaison, Clarice Julka.

Sincerely,

Clarice Julka
Office of the Secretary
FOIA Officer